

WASHINGTON, DC -- Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (D-Lakewood) celebrated the passage today of a congressional resolution (H.Res. 932) honoring school counselors by declaring Feb. 4-8 "National School Counseling Week."

"With only one school counselor for every 920 students, more than three times the recommended ratio, California school counselors work extremely hard to meet the individual educational needs of students," said Rep. Linda Sánchez, a member of the Education and Labor Committee. "This resolution recognizes the valuable contribution school counselors make to the education of our next generation."

The bipartisan resolution, introduced along with Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.), recognizes that school counselors have been integral in efforts to reduce student drop-out rates by helping identify and address problems early in a student's career.

The bill is endorsed by the American School Counselor Association. The effort comes as a part of Congresswoman Sánchez's efforts to provide students rich environments for personal growth and academic achievement and to recognize the educators who create those environments.

*Congresswoman Sánchez is in her third term in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the only Democrat from the greater Los Angeles area who currently serves on the House Committee on Education and Labor.*